

City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

January 22, 2021

City of Huntington Beach Holds Virtual City Council Meetings

Starting January 19, 2021, the Huntington Beach City Council meetings will be held virtually, in keeping with the Governor's mandate to limit in-person gatherings that can spread COVID-19. Orange County is experiencing an unprecedented surge in cases and a critical shortage of ICU beds, and the City is committed to implementing all proven measures that will protect the health and safety of Huntington Beach.



"The health and safety of our residents is our highest priority, and online Council meetings are just one of several steps we're taking to protect our community during this pandemic," says Mayor Kim Carr. "During this historic surge, we can't afford to disregard public health guidelines that can save lives and restore our local economy, and we plan to do our part."

At this time, a majority of the 34 cities in Orange County conducts their City Council meetings exclusively online. Nearby cities with virtual meetings include Seal Beach, Westminster, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Irvine and Costa Mesa. Huntington Beach City Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month.

View the Meetings and Agendas

The City offers several ways to view City Council meetings live or on-demand. City Council meetings are livestreamed on HBTV Channel 3 and the <u>City's website</u> and also replayed on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. In addition, meetings are archived for ondemand viewing at the City's <u>HBTV Cablecast page</u> or any Roku or Apple device by downloading the Cablecast Screenweave App and searching for the City of Huntington Beach channel. To access current and archived City Council meeting agendas, please visit the <u>City's website</u>.

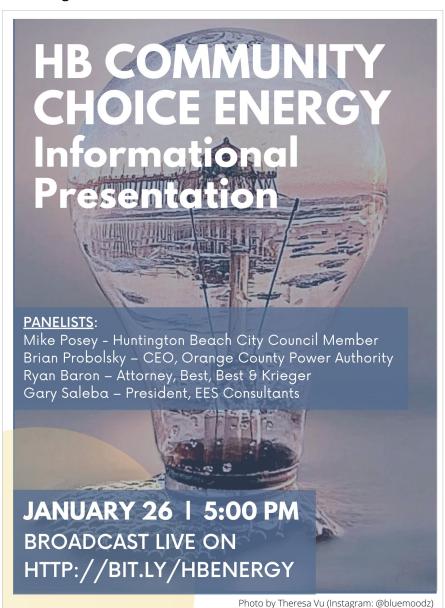
Make Public Comment During the Meeting

The public comment process remains an integral part of City Council meetings, and the City (continued on page 5)

Learn About Community Choice Energy in HB!

Please join us for a virtual, informational presentation about bringing Community Choice Energy (CCE) to Huntington Beach through membership with the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

In 2002, <u>Assembly Bill 117</u> opened the door for California jurisdictions to develop CCE programs, which allow local governments to purchase energy on behalf of their communities, while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider. For decades,

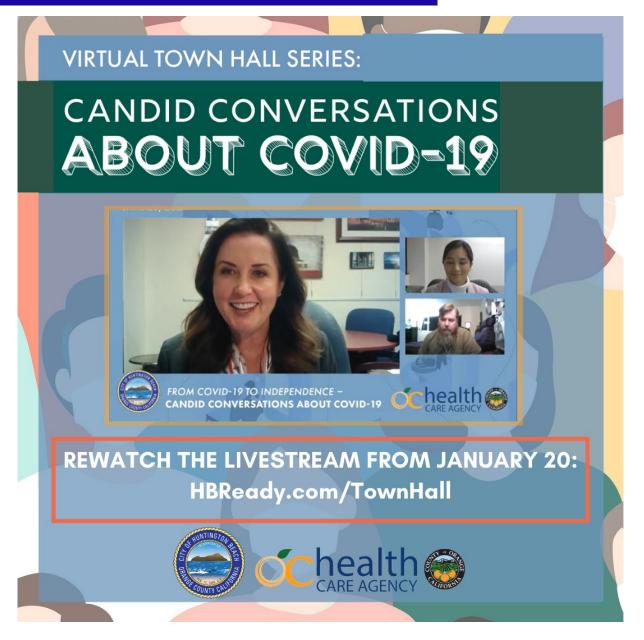


Southern California Edison has been the sole entity that acquired power for a majority of So. Cal. However, through a CCE, local agencies can also become a power purchaser for consumers, which introduces a new level of competition in the energy market and customer choice.

The City of Irvine has been spearheading an effort to create a regional CCE program known as Orange County Power Authority and on 12/10/20, the Huntington Beach City Council voted to join OCPA as a founding member.

More information and an FAQ about the CCE and OCPA are available on our new CCE website.

In addition, the City is offering an informational presentation on 1/26 at 5PM at http://bit.ly/HBEnergy to learn directly from the experts and ask questions about this new program in HB.



On January 20, the City and the Orange County Health Care Agency launched a virtual town hall series: "From COVID to Independence—Candid Conversations About COVID-19". The series will explore COVID-19 topics on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month through April 2021. The next town hall is scheduled for February 3.

The first town hall featured Mayor Carr, Deputy Health Officer Dr. Regina Chinsio-Kwong and HB resident, Jeff Sherman, who was hospitalized with COVID-19. Focusing on new COVID-19 updates, panelists provided key facts about the new vaccines and how to access them.

If you missed this event, catch the recording on HBReady.com/TownHall!

The City will be hosting a Spanish-language virtual town hall on the latest information about the COVID-19 pandemic, the vaccine, and how to protect yourself and your community. The event will take place on January 28 at 5:00PM via Zoom and Facebook Live.

AYUNTAMIENTO VIRTUAL COVID-19 EN ESPAÑOL

Una discusión en el ayuntamiento con la concejal de Huntington Beach, Natalie Moser, y la Dra. Sarah

Lopez, MD sobre el COVID-19.

Temas:

 Información sobre COVID-19

Las nuevas vacunas

 Una sesión de preguntas y respuestas



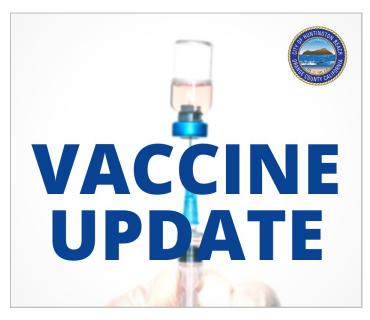
<u>Cuándo</u>: 28 de enero, 5:00 p.m.

Transmitido en vivo en <u>Dónde</u>:

bit.ly/HBCOVID_Espanol facebook.com/cityofhb



Using Othena for Vaccine Appointments



Per Orange County, eligible individuals under Phase 1A (including adults 65 years plus) who registered through Othena.com or the Othena app will now receive an email to schedule a vaccination appointment, as soon as time slots are available.

As such, individuals will no longer need to revisit Othena throughout the day in search of an appointment. Those who already received their first dose through Othena will automatically receive their second dose appointment confirmation also through Othena.

For more info, visit covidvaccinefacts.com.

Virtual City Council Meetings

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continues to offer several participation methods. Attendees may provide comment on agenized or non-agenized items by visiting www.zoom.us or calling (669) 900-6833 and then entering webinar ID 971 5413 0528. Each attendee will be prompted to speak when the City Clerk announces their name or the last three digits of their phone number. Attendees will have up to three minutes to make public comment.

Members of the public may also email communications to <u>SupplementalComm@surfcity-hb.org</u>. These communications will be announced, but not read, and placed into the administrative record during the Supplemental Communications portion of each meeting. Emails regarding agenda items and sent to <u>City.Council@surfcity-hb.org</u> will also be treated as Supplemental Communications.

Stay Informed

The City of Huntington Beach encourages the community to continue participating in meetings and staying informed by visiting the City's website at www.HuntingtonBeachCA.gov, the City's COVID-19 website at www.HBReady.com, or its social media platforms on Facebook (@cityofhb), Instagram (@cityofhb), Twitter (@cityofhbpio) and Next Door. In addition, the public may sign up here for an email subscription to the bi-weekly City Manager's Report.

Calling for Making a Difference Nominations!





The "Making a Difference in HB" Awards recognizes selflessness, volunteerism and exceptional community in service Huntington Beach. The "Making Difference in HB" Awards applauds the unsung heroes in our City. While we will always place tremendous value individuals, businesses and groups whose good works consistently improve our community, this award is designed to bring attention to the efforts of lesser-known volunteers who make a positive difference, often behind the scenes or without widespread recognition.

<u>Eligibility Criteria:</u> We are seeking nominations of individuals, organizations or businesses that possess three or more

- Inspires others to get involved, takes responsibility, or assumes leadership roles to make positive changes within the community
- Encourages and educates others to value community involvement
- Impacts lives through positive actions
- Is a proven leader who collaborates well with other groups
- Seeks to accommodate and include all community members

<u>Nomination Guidelines</u>: <u>Using the nomination form</u>, nominate one individual, business or organization. Please make the nomination as detailed as possible and no self-nominations or members of your own family.

<u>Winner Selection</u>: Completed nomination packets will be reviewed by the City Manager's Office for recommendation to the Mayor for consideration.

<u>Recognition:</u> Once approval has been given by the Mayor, the City Manager's Office will schedule the award presentation for a City Council meeting each month where they will be recognized for their efforts and receive a Commendation.

More Information: Visit http://ow.ly/xwSA50DePBn.



Small Business Support: OneHB Program

Through the establishment of the OneHB Business Support Fund (Fund), our goal is to bridge philanthropy and local giving in support of Huntington Beach small businesses. We will seek philanthropic donations — big and small — and will award micro-grants as funds are made available.

HTTPS://HBREADY.COM/ONEHB

Individual Assistance: HB Council on Aging

Donations to the HB Council on Aging will be used specifically to help local seniors with what they need right now: meals, groceries, paper and cleaning supplies, incontinence products, transportation to doctors, etc.

HTTPS://HBCOA.ORG/CORONA VIRUS-DONATIONS

25th Surf City Marathon Returns September 11



This award-winning, Boston-qualifying course is considered one of the best courses in the country and is well known for being scenic and flat. Runners come from all over the region to experience this exhilarating run. The race starts along the Pacific Coast Highway and passes by the famous Huntington Beach pier.

For information on all races and registration, visit https://www.runsurfcity.com/.





Police Department

STREET SWEEPING CITATIONS





Due to COVID-19 Stay-At Home State Order:

- Parking enforcement For Street Sweeping Only has been canceled through Sunday, January 31st, 2021
- Parking enforcement will RESUME on February 1st, 2021
- Residents are encouraged to move their cars on street sweeping days, whenever possible, to help maintain the cleanliness of our streets.



We understand that more people are at home due to California's stay-at home order. However, the City will need to reinstate parking citations for cars parked on the street during street sweeping days, starting February 1. This will aid in our efforts to properly clean the streets and ensure the healthy and safety of our City. Please do your part by moving your car during sweeping hours. You may return to your parking spot once the street sweeper has passed.

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Protect Your Car from Theft

Huntington Beach, its surrounding cities, and the surrounding counties have all fallen victim to an upswing in catalytic converter thefts. Although all vehicles with catalytic converters are at risk of falling prey to such thefts, we are seeing a major upswing in Honda Elements, Toyota Priuses, and Jeep Cherokees. To avoid being a victim of theft, please see the tips below.

Park in a safe and secure area

Park in a safe and secure area where a stranger underneath a vehicle will be instantly suspicious.



Park in a well-lit areas

Park in a well-lit area making it hard for the would-be thief from hiding under the veil of darkness.



Add a sensor

Car alarm installers can install an additional sensor to converters that set off the vehicle's alarm when the thieves attempt to steal it. Also, for relatively low costs, there are protective plates that can be purchased.





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Park in the garage

When possible, park inside the garage instead of the driveway or in the street.



Call 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious activity such as, someone underneath a parked vehicle. Gather as much information about the suspect and get-a-way car as possible without directly contacting the suspect(s).



Engrave

Engrave the car owner's license number (CDL) on the catalytic converter. This will assist law enforcement officials to locate the owner in case the catalytic converter is recovered. If the owner is not comfortable with engraving their CDL, engrave the last four numbers of their CDL or any combination that the owner will remember and also photograph the catalytic converter with the engraved numbers.

Fire Department

Smoke Alarm Saves Lives



This week, three lives in our community were saved by properly functioning smoke alarms. A resident at the home heard a smoke alarm sounding from upstairs and went to investigate what was going on. As they went upstairs, they saw smoke coming down from the attic area, immediately called 911, and exited the residence.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find heavy fire and smoke coming from the attic area. Firefighters were on scene for multiple hours working to get the deep seated fire extinguished in the attic space. The high winds were also a challenge to firefighters on scene. During the fire, high winds carried hot embers across the street catching the roof of another residence on fire. Fortunately, firefighters were monitoring other residences in the area and were situationally aware making an immediate stop saving the home.

For community risk reduction, please remember to test your smoke alarms once a month and to change your

batteries during the time change. We're always here for our residents but safety starts at home!

Firefighters were also able to rescue two cats and a rabbit out of the residence and were returned to the homeowners alive and healthy.





Huntington Beach Senior Center in Central Park Provides 600 Meals to Residents



Huntington Beach residents experiencing food insecurity received a special bonus box of food during the holidays through a unique collaborative effort. On December 22, nearly 20,000 pounds of food were provided to more than 600 Huntington Beach residents including older adults, families and individuals. Those involved with the team effort include the Senior Center in Central Park, Oak View ComUNIDAD, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Orange County and Farms to Families.

The abundant, 30 pound boxes, were delivered to the Senior Center in Central Park and included a combination of dairy, fruits, vegetables and meat. Members of Oak View ComUNIDAD were able to distribute half the boxes to three key locations within HB. The Senior Center Team distributed the

other half on-site during the weekly drive-through Grab and Go lunch program and through deliveries to homebound clients. Those served expressed great thanks for the additional food, especially during the holidays.

This collaboration was spearheaded by Gigi Jackson, Cathy Woodard, Oscar Rodriguez, Victor Valladares, and Michelle Yerke, but could not have been done without countless others who put their hearts and minds together to serve the community.



Dog Walker Watch

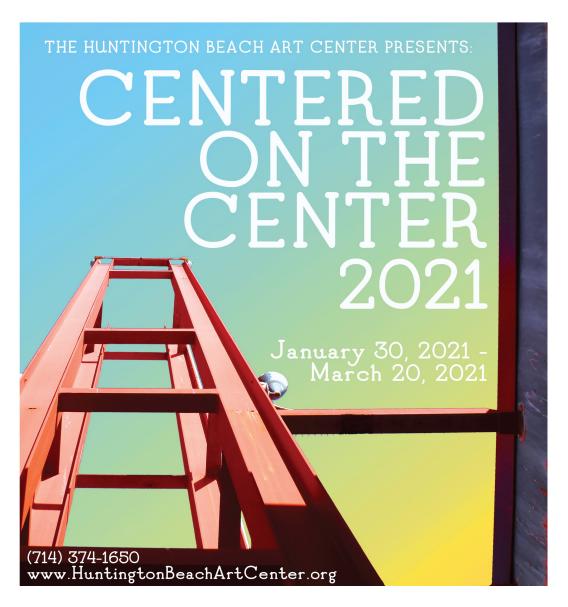
Join our Dog Walker Watch Program and lend an extra set of eyes and ears to HBPD! Learn new skills to become more aware of potentially suspicious activity in your neighborhood, in an effort to keep HB safer. To sign up, scan the QR code below with your phone, call (714)-960-8811, or visit https://bit.ly/3ivu44t.



Centered on the Center January 30, 2021 - March 20, 2021

Centered on the Center is the Huntington Beach Art Center's annual open call, non-juried, salon-style group exhibition featuring local, regional, and national artists. After three successful socially-distanced art take-in days, this show will feature 216 works from 127 artists. For over 20 years, Centered on the Center has promoted our mission of developing awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the arts.

View the exhibition on our website at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org beginning January 30 at 10 a.m. Follow our social media and website for the most current event and visitor information.





be your own Valentine.
Love yourself.

Teens ages 11 to 18 are encouraged to register for the next Teen Try it Activity Kit, coming up on Monday, February 1. This month's theme is "Be Your Own Valentine." This is an excellent time for teens to focus on the most important relationship in their life, the one of self-love — by taking advantage of some "me time." The kit for this month contains all the materials needed to make a DIY aromatherapy diffuser, a charm for a necklace or bracelet, and a gratitude journal. Also included are a few other things to start making a "self-care" kit in preparation for the inevitable "chill out moments" sure to come in the new year.

Registration for these popular kits begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 24. Kit pickup will take place at the Central Library during Sidewalk Service hours (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Kits must be picked up during the week of February 1 to 6; no late pickups are allowed without prior arrangements with Youth Services staff. Teen Try It kits are limited to 50 per week due to supply availability. Please limit registration to a maximum of four kits per family. Register here: https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7358663.

Take and Make Activity Kits for Pre-School Children

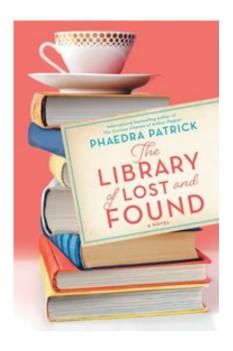


Children of all ages are invited to register for the next bi-weekly Preschool Busy Bag (for kids ages 2-5) or the weekly Take & Make Activity Kit (for kids ages 6-12) on Sunday, January 24 at 3 p.m. The theme for the February 1st preschool kit is Valentine's Day – all about sharing feelings with family, friends, and loved ones! Register here https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7351315. Preschool Busy Bag kits are limited to 50 per week due to supply availability. Please limit registration to a maximum of 1 bag per family. The next weekly theme for the older kids is Groundhog Day! These Take & Make Activity kits are limited to 50 per week due to supply availability. Please limit registration to a maximum of four kits per family.

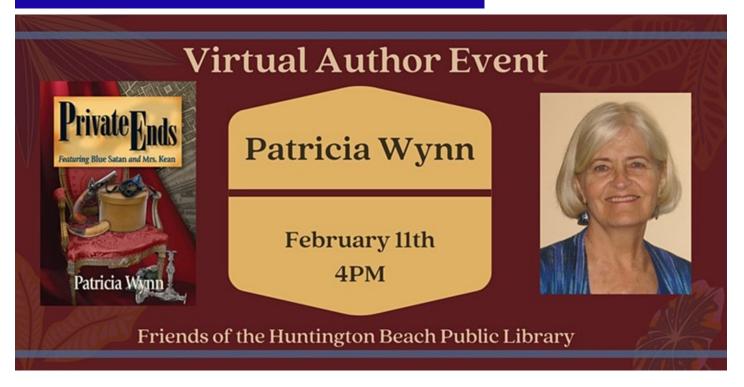


To register, please visit this link https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7351409. Pickup for both kits will take place at the Central Library during Sidewalk Service hours (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6

p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Kits must be picked up during the week of February 1-6. No late pickups are allowed without prior arrangements with Children's Library staff.



There is still time to register for the next online Central Library Book Club, coming up on Tuesday, February 9 from 7 and 8 p.m. Please note, for this month only, the book club will take place on the second Tuesday of the month. Intended for adults ages 18 and up, this library-sponsored book club a great place to take part in a thoughtful discussion of the month's chosen book. February's pick is The Library of Lost and Found, by Phaedra Patrick. This heartwarming story tells how Martha, a librarian more comfortable with books than people, finally takes control of her destiny to write her own happy ending. Register here: https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7326131. The event URL will be sent to the e-mail used during registration.



Join the Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 4 p.m. for a live Zoom talk with historical novelist Patricia Wynn to discuss the latest installment in her Blue Satan Mystery Series, <u>Private Ends</u>. In 1717 London, newly-married protagonist Hester receives an emissary from King George, who needs both her expertise and experience to discreetly investigate a death attempt on a member of his Court. Click here to register for this free event at https://www.fotlhb.com/programs--special-events 1.html.



On Wednesday, February 3rd, Main Street Branch Library will launch its Sidewalk Service, meaning all four of the Huntington Beach library branches will offer curbside pickup services for library books and media! Curbside service hours for the Main Street Library will be on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Patrons may place books on hold for pick up at the Main Street branch by calling the Central Library at 714-842-4481 and selecting extension 4.

After specifying their pickup location and receiving a confirmation that the items are ready, patrons should call the branch directly at 714-375-5071 with their library card available. They can then pick up their materials on a table in front of the main entrance of the library.

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